

**GARDNER-SO. WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL  
GARDNER, IL 60424**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 2022  
REGULAR MEETING**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Gardner-So. Wilmington High School Board of Education, Counties of Grundy and Kankakee, IL was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President, Mrs. Pamela Brooks.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht. Also in attendance were Principal Mr. John Engelman and Superintendent Mr. Joshua DeLong. All members were present "in person."

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the meeting minutes for the month of *February*: (February 16, 2022 - Regular Session minutes), bills for the month of *March* and payroll for the month of *February*, and Financial Reports for the month of *February*.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**Principal's Report:** Mr. Engelman discussed the following:

- Teacher Professional Development – we had (3) teachers recently attend conferences. Mr. Ward attached a Social Studies conference and our Science teachers, Ms. Rymsza and Mrs. Ridgway, attended a conference together that reviewed the IL Science Assessments. All three teachers were pleased with their sessions.
- The GSW Math Team won the RVC Math Contest again this year, putting them at their 9<sup>th</sup> win. They have also won the IHSA Math Regional.

**Directors' Reports:** Mr. Engelman, Athletic Director, reviewed the following:

- Spring Sports Numbers:
  - We have 3 GSW students participating in Track at Dwight High School this year
  - We have 12 total softball players. We only have a Varsity team for softball.
  - We have 23 total baseball players. Due to low numbers, we are combining some players to form our JV and Varsity teams. There are no V & JV games played on the same day this year.

**Building and Grounds Report:** Mr. Joshua DeLong, presented on the following:

- Summer Work =
  - Parking Lot
    - Plan, tennis courts – The parking lot will be out big project this summer. We are currently waiting on final drawings and plans from our engineer. Then this project can go out to bid. The estimated cost should be \$400,000 to \$500,000. We will look at expanding/extending the west parking lot and putting ankle parking in. The current tennis courts can

stay as is, or we can look at either splitting it up for one side to be a basketball court or taking it out completely.

- o Phone system upgrade – We will be approving a 5-year contract with RIVAL5 for new phones and communication systems. The new system will have 8 lines, new safety features, and we will also be putting a phone in every room. Teachers will now have their very own voicemails.
- o Room changes – We will be moving our English teacher from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor into Room 205 (which is now the current computer lab). This lab will be converted into the new English room, and carpet squares will be installed. The STEAM room will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in Room 103 by the shop area. This is a new class next school year, and will be taught by Ms. Dallio.
- o Flooring updates – We will be putting in new laminate wood flooring in the main office, Principal’s office, teacher work room, small restroom and board room.
- o Painting – We will start with the stairwells and 3<sup>rd</sup> floor classrooms this summer.
- How water system = This is another big project that needs to be looked at. We have been having issues with our current system. Mr. DeLong is suggesting purchasing a new commercial size hot water heater and new water softener. This would also be a great time to purchase and install a new secondary boiler. This entire project cost would be approximately \$80,000 to \$100,000.

**Superintendent’s Report:** Mr. Joshua DeLong, discussed the following:

- David Pistorius, First Midstate, was present at tonight’s meeting to discuss working cash bonds. He explained that this process usually takes 3 to 4 months to complete and receive the money. We need to put the information in The Paper to notify the tax payers / public. Then a second notice needs to go into The Paper to announce a Public Hearing meeting. The Public Hearing would be held before the monthly Regular Board Meeting. Once approved, we would adopt a Bond Resolution.
- GAVC Director’s Award
  - o Peyton Carpenter received this award for the month of February in Engineering II.
- No Spring Play based on interest level – we only had 3 students interested in participating in the Spring Play. We also had to cancel the Fall Play due to the same reason.
- Updated Solar Farm information – A new company has bought out this project – Scout Clean Energy. They informed Mr. DeLong of their new time-frame and are 95% sure it is going to happen. They plan to start in October 2022, which means they would begin pumping out power in 2025 and GSW would get tax funds from this project in 2026. The estimate would be 2.8 million over 35-years (\$80,000 a year for GSW High School).
- Update on Rodney Ford fishing team donations – we have received about \$2,600 in donations. Thank You notes were sent out by the GSW Bass Fishing Team.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Upon the recommendation of the President, Mrs. Pam Brooks, Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to go into closed session at 7:56 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding employment contracts or any matter permissible under the open meetings act.

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- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

**AYES:** Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

**MOTION CARRIED:** 5-0.

REGULAR SESSION: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to return to regular session at 8:14 p.m.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVE KYLIE HAWKS AS A VOLUNTEER SOFTBALL COACH: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve Kylie Hawks as a volunteer softball coach.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE 2022 GRADUATION FOR MAY 15 AT 12 PM INSIDE THE GSW GYM:

Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the 2022 graduation for May 15 at 12:00 pm inside the gym.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE CONTRACT WITH MORRIS HOSPITAL FOR AN ATHLETIC TRAINER AT ALL HOME EVENTS AT A COST OF \$20 PER HOUR: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve contract with Morris Hospital for an athletic trainer at all home events at a cost of \$20 per hour.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE A 5-YEAR SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH RIVAL5 FOR PHONE AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve a 5-year service agreement with Rival5 for phone and communication systems.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

ACCEPT SHERRI GARRETT'S RESIGNATION AS DISTRICT BOOKKEEPER AND TREASURER: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Wepprecht to accept Sherri Garrett's resignation as district bookkeeper and treasurer.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JOB

DESCRIPTIONS: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the first reading of administrative assistant job descriptions.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE HIRE OF PATTY KLINGBERG AS DISTRICT BOOKKEEPER AND

TREASURER: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the hire of Patty Klingberg as district bookkeeper and treasurer.

AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.

MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE HIRE OF TEMPORARY SUMMER BUILDING CREW LEADER, ADAM LEIGH: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to approve the hire of temporary summer building crew leader, Adam Leigh.  
AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.  
MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE HIRE OF TEMPORARY SUMMER BUILDING WORKER, BRAEDEN HIRSCH: Mrs. Ashley motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the hire of temporary summer building worker, Braeden Hirsch.  
AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.  
MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE HIRE OF TEMPORARY SUMMER BUILDING WORKER, JACOB OZEE: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the hire of temporary summer building worker, Jacob Ozee.  
AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.  
MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

SELECTION OF FIRST MIDSTATE INC. AS UNDERWRITER/PLACEMENT AGENT AND CHAPMAN AND CUTLER LLC AS BOND/DISCLOSURE COUNSEL TO THE UNDERWRITER/PLACEMENT AGENT WITH RESPECT TO THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS: Mrs. Wepprecht motioned and seconded by Mrs. Schultz to approve the selection of First Midstate Inc. as underwriter/placement agent and Chapman and Cutler LLC as bond/disclosure counsel to the underwriter/placement agent with respect to the district's General Obligation School Bonds.  
AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.  
MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

APPROVE THE JOINT COMMITTEE'S PLAN TO ALLOW TENURED STAFF TO BE EVALUATED FORMALLY EVERY THREE YEARS: Mrs. Speed motioned and seconded by Mrs. Ashley to approve the joint committee's plan to allow tenured staff to be evaluated formally every three years.  
AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.  
MOTIONED CARRIED: 5-0.

OTHER(s): None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Schultz motioned and seconded by Mrs. Speed to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM.  
AYES: Ashley, Brooks, Schultz, Speed and Wepprecht.  
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0.

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PRESIDENT, PAMELA BROOKS

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SECRETARY, CARLA HUSTON